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SUBJECT: OMVS MEETING IN NOUAKCHOTT

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1. OMVS COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MET DECEMBER 15. MAURITANIAN DELEGATION WAS LED BY MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES MOHAMED OULD AMAR, SENEGALESE DELEGATION BY MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND WATER RESOURCES ADRIEN SENGHOR, AND MALIAN DELEGATION BY MINISTER OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM LAMINE KEITA. PRESIDENT SENGHOR OF SENEGAL AND PRESIDENT TRAORE OF MALI ARRIVED IN NOUAKCHOTT ON DECEMBER 16 IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN OMVS SUMMIT MEETING.

2. ACTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT MOHAMED OULD AMAR GAVE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF SEVENTH MINISTERIAL SESSION TO PRESS ON DECEMBER 15. SPEAKING OF RESULTS OBTAINED SINCE LAST MINISTERIAL SESSION IN JULY, OULD AMAR SAID BALANCE SHEET IS VERY POSITIVE. COUNCIL HAS, IN PARTICULAR, DEFINED ORGANIZATION CHART OF SECRETARY-GENERAL, ADOPTED STATUTE OF PERMANENT CONTROL COMMISSION FOR THE UTILIZATION OF WATER, ELABORATED ON REGULATION FOR THE CONSULTATIVE COORDINATION COMMITTEE, AND APPROVED AGREEMENT

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PERSONNEL. HE ADDED THAT IF STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS WERE PREDOMINANT AT MEETING, FINANCIAL MATTERS WERE NOT OVERLOOKED. DIVISION OF BENEFITS TO RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES AND COSTS STEMMING FROM COMMON PROJECTS WERE DISCUSSED. HE SAID COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS WILL NOW BE SUBMITTED TO CHIEFS OF STATE FOR CONSIDERATION. EFFORT WILL THEN BE MADE TO MOBILIZE FINANCING AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. OULD AMAR NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH QUESTION OF FINANCING MAY APPEAR TO BE PROCEEDING SLOWLY, ONE MUST APPRECIATE COMPLEXITY OF THESE REGIONAL PROJECTS. DELAYS ARE NORMAL AND EVEN NECESSARY IN ORDER TO AVOID DIFFICULTIES AS RESULT OF PRECIPITATE ACTION.HANDYSIDE

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